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LB 700

The bill was first read on January 4, Mr. President. It was referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, are you available? The Chair recognizes Senator Landis for committee amendments to LB 700.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the committee amendments to LB 700 make it clear that the representatives on the Pay Equity Commission will be appointed by the Governor. This was to overcome a difficulty, constitutional difficulty, in having these groups select their own members to serve on the Commission. Again, the only change, members of the Pay Equity Commission will be selected from designated groups by the Governor. I move the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the committee amendments. (Beutler amendment appears on page 635 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I hope you will perk up early on this and I hope you will listen right away on this because the amendment to the committee amendments is very important in my opinion and really will have a dramatic effect on how this bill operates and so you should listen because I think you will want to know how this bill is going to, in fact, operate. The committee amendments in the original bill basically provided that this Pay Commission that we are setting up is going to have six representatives, two of which are from labor unions, okay, two of which are from labor unions, one of which is from the Commission on the Status of Women, two from the Legislature and one appointed at large, six members and then a seventh member who is the Director of Personnel for the state, seven member commission. Okay, well my